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### **Kentucky Farmers Expect Strong Crop Production**

**Corn** production in **Kentucky** is forecast at 265 million bushels, up 5% from the previous crop. Yield is estimated at 183 bushel per acre, down 1 bushel from the 2020 level. Acres for harvest as grain were estimated at 1.45 million acres, up 70,000 acres from 2020. The **U.S.** corn production is forecast at 14.8 billion bushels, up 4% from 2020. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average 174.6 bushels per acre, up 2.6 bushels from 2020. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 84.5 million acres, unchanged from the June forecast but up 2% from 2020.

**Soybean** production for **Kentucky** is forecast at 105 million bushels, increased 4% from 2020. Yield is estimated at 54.0 bushels per acre, down 1.0 bushels from a year ago. Acreage for harvest as beans was estimated at 1.94 million acres, up 100,000 acres from the previous year. **U.S.** soybean production is forecast at 4.34 billion bushels, up 5% from last year. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 50.0 bushels per acre, down 0.2 bushels from last year. Area for harvest is forecast at 86.7 million acres, unchanged from June but up 5% from 2020.

**Kentucky** farmers expect to harvest 32.6 million bushels of **winter wheat** during 2021. The expected crop for 2021 would be up 52% from the previous year. Growers expect a yield of 88.0 bushels per acre, up 25.0 bushel from 2020 and up 2.0 bushels from July. Farmers expect to harvest 370,000 acres for grain. Winter wheat production for the **Nation** was forecast at 1.32 billion bushels, up 13% from 2020. The United States yield is forecast at 51.8 bushels per acre, down 1.8 bushels from last month and up 0.9 bushels from last year. The expected area to be harvested for grain or seed totals 25.4 million acres, up 11% from last year.

**Kentucky burley tobacco** production is forecast at 74.0 million pounds, up 3% from 2020. Yield is projected at 2,000 pounds per acre, up 50 pounds from the 2020 crop. Harvested acreage was estimated at 37,000 acres, unchanged acres from last year's crop. For the **burley producing states** production is forecast at 86.9 million pounds, up 3% from last year. Burley growers plan to harvest 43,450 acres, up slightly from 2020. Yields were expected to average 2,000 pounds per acre, up 44 pounds from last year.

Production of **Kentucky dark fire-cured** tobacco is forecast at 27.3 million pounds, up 32% from the previous year. **Dark air-cured** tobacco production is forecast at 15.4 million pounds, up 7% from last year.

Production of **alfalfa hay** production is forecast at 473,000 tons, 7% below the 2020 level. **Other hay** production is estimated at 5.04 million tons, up 2% from last year.

**CROP PRODUCTION SUMMARY, August 1**  
**KENTUCKY AND UNITED STATES**

Crops	Area Planted <sup>1</sup>		Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre			Production	
	2020	2021	2020	2021 <sup>2</sup>	2020	2021		2020	2021
						Jul 1 <sup>1</sup>	Aug 1 <sup>2</sup>		
	KENTUCKY								
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(bushels)	(bushels)	(bushels)	(1,000 bushels)	(1,000 bushels)
Corn <sup>3</sup>	1,490	1,550	1,380	1,450	184.0	--	183.0	253,920	265,350
Soybeans <sup>3</sup>	1,850	1,950	1,840	1,940	55.0	--	54.0	101,200	104,760
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)
Hay:									
All	--	--	2,195	2,235	2.47	--	2.47	5,428	5,513
Alfalfa	--	--	145	135	3.50	--	3.50	508	473
Other, All	--	--	2,050	2,100	2.40	--	2.40	4,920	5,040
	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)
Tobacco:									
All	--	--	51,400	52,800	2,086	--	2,210	107,235	116,710
Burley	--	--	37,000	37,000	1,950	--	2,000	72,150	74,000
Dark-Fire Cured	--	--	8,300	9,100	2,500	--	3,000	20,750	27,300
Dark-Air Cured	--	--	6,100	6,700	2,350	--	2,300	14,335	15,410
	UNITED STATES								
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(bushels)	(bushels)	(bushels)	(1,000 bushels)	(1,000 bushels)
Corn <sup>3</sup>	90,819	92,692	82,467	84,495	172.0	--	174.6	14,182,479	14,750,368
Soybeans <sup>3</sup>	83,084	87,555	82,318	86,720	50.2	--	50.0	4,135,477	4,338,853
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)
Hay:									
All	--	--	52,238	51,537	2.43	--	2.30	126,812	118,740
Alfalfa	--	--	16,230	16,123	3.27	--	2.97	53,067	47,813
Other, All	--	--	36,008	35,414	2.05	--	2.00	73,745	70,927
	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)
Tobacco:									
All	--	--	198,060	224,100	1,966	--	2,096	389,413	469,725
Burley	--	--	43,310	43,450	1,956	--	2,000	84,697	86,885
Dark-Fire Cured	--	--	14,350	15,950	2,631	--	2,984	37,755	47,600
Dark-Air Cured	--	--	9,800	11,000	2,331	--	2,222	22,845	24,440

<sup>1</sup> Commodities with estimates not available are (*denoted by "--"*). <sup>2</sup> Forecasted. <sup>3</sup> Area harvested represents grain. <sup>4</sup> Includes area planted in preceding fall.